acceptance of both family planning and MCH components of the programme; and increased involvement of local communities, particularly through the Village Health Guide Scheme.

**Railway Link with industrial Centres of M.P.**

1545. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the industrial centres of Madhya Pradesh are not linked by railways with major cities of the State and the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of such industrial centres; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to link these indus-ial centres with major cities of adhya Pradesh and the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The major industrial centres Pithampur and Malanjkhand in Madhya Pradesh are not connected by rail at present. Pithampur falls on the proposed alternative route from Godhra to Maksi via Dahod, Mhow, Indore and Dewas, for which a survey has been carried out and survey report referred to the Planning Commission for examination. There is no proposal for a railway line to connect Malanjkhand at present.

Besides, a number of cement factories of Madhya Pradesh are not connected by rail. Construction of Satna-Rewa line has been taken up. On completion, it will provide rail link to the cement factories in this area.

In regard to the new Industrial Growth Centre at Malanpur near Gwalior, the feasibility of connecting it by the proposed BG line between Gwalior and Bhind, as part of the approved project Guna-Etawah, is under investigation.

**National Highway in M.P.**

1546. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the need for construction of a National Highway in Madhya Pradesh in addition to the existing road network;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this direction of construction of additional National Highway in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if reply to (b) is negative, what steps Government propose to take in view of the increased frequency of road transport in Madhya Pradesh for its faster economic growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Owing to finnacial stringency, it has not been found possible at present to make additions to the National Highway network in the State.

**Absence of public conveniences at Mecheda station, West Bengal**

1547. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in absence of lavatory and latrine in all platforms at Mecheda station, West Bengal, passengers particularly the ladies are facing a lot of hardships: